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1. The three top leaders in the SMA, Generals V. I. Chuikov and M. I. Dratvin and Ambassador V. S. Semenov, left Germany about 15 September for consultations in Moscow. This fact has given rise to speculation among the principal personnel of SMA concerning the subject of the consultation; it is supposed that it will deal with the drafting of a plan for a German state in the Soviet Zone and the consequent reorganization of the SMA.
2. General (P. A. ?) Kabanov, chief of the directorate which supervises the German police in the Soviet Zone, is quoted as saying that a German state will come into being between 31 October and 3 December 1949. As a result, the SMA directorates will be reduced in personnel, the smaller ones will be combined, and some will be eliminated. It is expected that the reduction in SMA personnel will amount to 60 per cent.
3. Kabanov expects his own directorate to be eliminated by the end of 1949. This would put an end to official Soviet supervision over the German police, and thereafter the Russians would count on controlling the police by clandestine means through the KGB.

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